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SCHOOLS, POLICE, AND GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

the importance of being able to work with the state and these other governmental entities has become increasingly clear because many issues that impact our citizens do not stop at our borders.

Most Cottonwood Height’s residents belong not only to the city and county, but also to Jordan School District, Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area, Cottonwood Improvement District (Sewer), South Salt Lake County Mosquito Abatement District, Salt Lake County Library Services, and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District; and, we purchase our culinary water from Salt Lake City. Thus, it is critical, whether through inter-local agreements or responding to state legislation, that governments work together to solve problems in an effort to enhance quality of life for their constituents.

The spaghetti bowl of services provided by different governmental entities is confusing. I’ll not attempt to explain in detail the numerous relationships that must be nurtured to keep government running efficiently, but a couple of thoughts are germane to who we are and how we relate to other government entities. The power to legislate laws, impose taxes and fees, provide services and otherwise impact the lives of residents makes it critical that the interests of citizens, not the desire for power or domain, be the primary motivating factor for all governmental entities. Certainly citizens have elected officials at all levels to make many decisions on

their behalf, but it is imperative that officials collectively recognize the wisdom of a most basic tenets of our form of government: voters have a fundamental right to determine what is best for their community, whether it be the creation of a school district or the level of taxation for services such as law enforcement, infrastructure, recreation, or transportation.

There are some organizations that have been created specifically to help elected city officials interface with each other and with the legislature. The Utah League of Cities and Towns is a consortium of cities from throughout the state that provides training, conferences, lobbying assistance, etc. Additionally, the political entities in Salt Lake County have a Council of Governments and a Council of Mayors, both of which enable elected officials to collectively approach overlapping concerns. Within the city there are also commissions and boards, comprised of resident volunteers, that assist the city council in the decision making process.

The most critical characteristic of these separate governmental entities is the one factor they all have in common: you! The expression of your views to your state legislators, county council, city council, school board and other bodies (regarding law enforcement, school districts, land use, etc.) is both welcome and essential to shaping our community. Citizen involvement is at the heart of what makes it all work.

Bruce T. Jones
District #4

SHINING UP THE CITY

Most everyone is aware by now that Cottonwood Heights was recently named one of the top 100 cities in the U.S. in which to live. That honor will be a challenge to maintain. One item that has been voiced to the city by concerned citizens is the yards and open spaces that are not being cared for this summer.

In an attempt to assist with yard clean-up, the city is providing trash disposal containers to be used throughout the city during August. Beginning August 16th and running until August 31st large containers will be placed at various locations in the city. Residents will have 24 hours

to dispose of yard and house debris before the containers are picked up, emptied at the land-fill, and placed at another location.

Those in the know suggest that everyone have their trash ready in advance of when the container is placed in the neighborhood, then quickly get it to the container when it arrives.

A lot of individual effort and cooperation with neighbors, will make it possible for Cottonwood Heights to not only be one of the top 100 places to live in the United States, but also one of the cleanest cities in the country.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

August 7th
Work Meeting

August 14th
Business Meeting

August 21st
Work Meeting

August 28th
Business Meeting

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Thanks to the Butlerville Days Committee

Few people know the number of volunteer hours expended to put Butlerville Days together. Cottonwood Heights has been fortunate in that many residents of this wonderful city are willing to give time and talent to produce such events. Mayor Cullimore, the city council, and the city staff thank those who have helped with this important happening the last three years. Each year has been bigger and better, and this year was no exception.

Geoff Armstrong, the 2007 chair of Butlerville Days had his committee well organized so the planning went smoothly and the "Days" went off without a hitch. Thank you

Geoff and committee: Brian Allen, Margaret Armstrong, Scott Bracken, Paul Brenneman, Jackie Campbell, Kevin Cromar, Ron Fullmer, Kim Horiuchi, Ken Jennings, Sheila Jennings, Ted Jorgensen, Ted Neff, Mike Peterson, Lorraine Turner, Mike Watson, Tim Williams, and the Youth City Council.

The city also thanks the many businesses that make Butlerville Days possible: Mountain America Credit Union, Cottonwood Heights Recreation & Service Area, Granite Construction Company, Kwik Kopy Printing, The Valley Journal, and Dan's Foods (for three years of free watermelon).



ELECTION DAY 2007

In spite of the fact that the election receiving most of the press now days is the 2008 Presidential Election, and it's still 15 months away, there is an election scheduled for this year, on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. This being an off-year, it is usual that the only election held is for mayors and city councils; but Cottonwood Heights does not have an election contest in either district that is scheduled for election this year. Both incumbents, Gordon Thomas in District #1 and Scott Bracken in District #2, are running unopposed for the seats to which they were elected when the city was incorporated. However, 2007 is an unusual year as there is one ballot initiative scheduled for the November election, and

there could be a second issue, depending on an upcoming vote of the county council.

The question of whether Utah's newly enacted voucher law will be implemented is to be voted on by the public in the November election, and that is a statewide election. The question of whether Cottonwood Heights, some small unincorporated areas of the county, and four other cities in southeast Salt Lake County will create a new school district, by withdrawing from Jordan School District, may also be on the ballot.

That decision will be made by a vote of the county council when they decide whether to let their constituents in the unincorporated areas of southeast Salt Lake County vote on the new school district issue. A no vote by the county council will

negate the actions of the five cities that have already voted in favor of placing the question on the ballot.

So, in spite of all the press the presidential contenders are receiving, there are some important decisions to be made locally, even before the official nominating process begins for the presidential race. More information about the new school district vote will be forthcoming; but the voucher question and the vote for two unopposed council members are on.



PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

The following public works projects are scheduled for August:

1. Installation of sidewalk in front of Ridgecrest Elementary School
2. Removal of sidewalk trip hazards in the 7200 S 1700 E area.
3. Project bid document preparation.





CITIZEN CORPS BEING FORMED

If you are CERT trained or are a HAMM radio operator, your services are needed by your friends and neighbors in Cottonwood Heights. In an effort to be as prepared as possible for an emergency, i.e. earthquake, prolonged power outage, etc., the city is forming a Citizen Corps of trained emergency responders. Those who bear that designation as a result of past training or hobby interests are asked to contact the city and volunteer for the Cottonwood Heights Citizen Corps (CHCC).

The city recently acquired a trailer to be used as a logistics center for training and in the

event of an actual emergency. The trailer is in need of supplies and organizing in order to make it functional when required. CHCC members will be asked to “set up” the logistics trailer and will be given the opportunity to receive advanced training.

Anyone interested should contact Shelley, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon at 545-4154, or shanson@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.



NOTICE TO BUS RIDERS

Sunday, August 26, 2007 is “Change Day” for new bus routes in Salt Lake County. According to www.rideutah.com, UTA’s website, “All of the bus routes in Salt Lake County are changing to offer better service for more people. Many of the routes will follow the same route as before but will run at new frequencies. Some will have service on different days and during different hours of the day.”

This redesign by UTA will impact both availability and frequency of buses in Cottonwood Heights. The major routes in the city will remain intact, but bus frequency and the number of stops are going to change. With the change, the city will have three major routes, numbered 72, 307, and 320.

Route 72, which is the existing route 85, will be reinstated at 30 minute peak-hour and 60 minute midday frequency and provides access to the TRAX station on 7200 South.

Route 307, which has been route 32, will continue to run as a Fast Bus, defined by UTA as a bus that will quickly take riders downtown or to the University. Route 307 will run from the

Park & Ride at Golden Hills Park on Wasatch Blvd., all the way into downtown Salt Lake City.

Route 320 is also a Fast Bus running north and south along Highland Drive from 9400 South in Sandy into downtown Salt Lake City.

These three routes, along with Fast Bus routes 213 and 223 that enter Cottonwood Heights at the Fort Union Shopping Center and the Cottonwood Corporate Center respectively, and provide services to downtown and to the University of Utah, will remain active.

There will be a decrease in the frequency and number of stops in Cottonwood Heights, primarily due to past low rider-ship; however, efforts by the elected and appointed leaders of Cottonwood Heights have minimized the impact of these changes.

Those who rely on bus services should become familiar with www.rideuta.com and also watch for new signs indicating route designations and services provided at various stops. Some will have a “Bus Eliminated” sign and will no longer serve as pick up points.



Youth City Council is Service Club

Shortly after Cottonwood Heights became a city it was decided that the creation of a Youth City Council (YCC) that would give interested teenagers a chance to learn the workings of city government from the inside was a good idea. Now that the YCC has been functioning for a year, the city has come to realize that the youth are not only able to learn about city government but they also provide a great service to the community as they participate as volunteer in the various events the city sponsors and even sponsor their own events related to government and politics.

Councilman Scott Bracken and Mr. Gary Whitney were the moving force behind the first YCC and the city appreciates their effort in helping the YCC members to have a positive experience and to be of

service to the city.

Ann Bracken and Tim Williams were chosen as new advisors for 2007-08. They plan to pick up where Gary and Scott left off and will be working with thirty high school and middle school students, some of whom were also in last year’s YCC. The 2007-08 members are: Callie Thackeray, Casey Gressmen, Clay Davis, David Evans, Emily Shelton, Hillary Young, Jo Menna, Justin Trombetti, Katherine Dew, Kendra McGarrity, Kevin Bryant, Kharisma Colegrove, Lauren Allison, Lexi Bishop, Lindsey Searle, Loyd Sleight, Mary Floisand, Michael Savas, Neela Pack, PJ Nakamura, Richard Blanck, Robb Young, Sabah Ul-Hassan, Sadie Nilsson, Sarah James, Sean Houchins, Tori Parker, Wyatt Davis, Ynessa Tran, and Zayne Smith.



MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

Cottonwood Heights first Outdoor Cinema is scheduled for FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, on the grounds of Mountview Elementary School. Cottonwood Heights’ Parks and Recreation service area is sponsoring the event, and residents of the city are invited to bring blankets, pillows, or other seating and enjoy a movie under the stars. The movie and activities are free and snacks and treats will be available for purchase. “Over the Hedge,” begins at dusk

and will be shown on a 30’ x 40’ screen. Participants are invited to arrive as early as 7:30 p.m. when events, such as inflatable activities, will be available for individuals and families.

Walking, bicycling, and car pooling are encouraged as parking is limited. Access the school grounds from either Cloverdale or from Fort Union Blvd., at approximately 1595 East. Seating will be on the hillside at the front of the property.





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NEW SHOPPING CENTER OPENS

The construction on the corner of Fort Union Blvd. and Park Center Drive has held our attention for the better part of the past year. Now, with the opening of some of the establishments in this new shopping center, Cottonwood Heights is pleased to welcome these new businesses to our city.

Both Paradise Bakery and Cafe and World Market are now open and three other businesses, Office Depot, Simply Mac, and Chipotle Mexican Grill will

be open soon. There is also space for additional businesses.

World Market is a fascinating place to browse among a potpourri of items from furniture, home décor, and kitchen items to specialty and ethnic food items.

Paradise Bakery and Café is another in a chain of restaurants that have opened throughout the valley. They serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner and have WiFi available for customers.

Cottonwood Heights' shoppers are encouraged to become familiar with the newest participants in the Cottonwood Heights business family.



Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr., Councilman Gordon Thomas, store manager Dan Smederovac and friends cut grand opening ribbon

So You Want To Have A City Float

What a great idea! Let's have a Cottonwood Heights' float in the big 24th of July Parade. With it we can visually portray to residents and leaders of the county and state that this new city is thriving.

After careful consideration of the costs of such a venture and agreeing that it was minimal in light of the goodwill that would be generated, especially in our own Butlerville Days parade, the city council gave the go ahead. In spite of the careful planning and attempt to anticipate everything that could happen, not all of the issues of putting old machinery and novice float operators together were considered.

Answers to the following questions would have helped:

- Where does one buy a vehicle that can be cut to pieces and still run?
- Who wants to drive a float, and who will walk beside it to help guide the driver?
- Is the driver aware he will have to sleep with the float the night of July 23rd?
- What kind of problems might arise as the float is driven many miles on public streets to other cities (*in reciprocation for their appearance in the Butlerville Days' parade, i.e. South Jordan, Murray, Sandy, and soon to come, Midvale Harvest Days*)?
- How does one fill a gas tank when it's beneath 14 feet of Styrofoam?
- What does one use to tow a float when the engine dies?
- How does one drive a 30 ft. long float while holding on to the artificial trees to keep them from blowing away?
- How does one keep track of what's going on behind without rear view mirrors?
- How does one accurately judge curb distance, traffic light timing, etc., and not tear off a corner of the float in intersections?
- How does one repair the float following a mishap?
- Where does one store a 15 foot high, 30 foot long float that disintegrates in rain?
- If you know the answer to the last question: We Need Help!!!
- Anyone with a large, covered storage area for rent please call Liane Stillman at 545-4154

Special Thanks To:

Michael Dolan: float driver and troubleshooter extraordinaire

Metro Water:
for temporarily storing the float during the busy summer parade time.

Lt. Robby Russo:
for finding a float vehicle

Back by Popular Demand
BARK IN THE PARK



When:
Saturday, September 22
1:00-4:00

Where:
Mill Hollow Park
(28th East Hollow Mill Drive)

What:
An afternoon of fun with your Dog

- Demonstrations
- Adoptions
- Booths
- Licensing

Featuring:
Doggie Fashion Show,
with Best Dressed Mutt Prizes!!

Volunteers Needed:
Call Liane Stillman 545-4154